

Mrs. Child.

Dear Madam,

Upon further consideration, I have felt that I might do wrong in attempting to influence the opinions of others, by any expression of my own views. My opinions concerning the formation of a distinct female society have remained unchanged since my first conversation with Mrs. Shipleigh; but I may be in the wrong, and others in the right. In this, and all other matters, each one must act in freedom, according to his own perceptions of right and wrong, advisable or unadvisable - being, first of all things, careful that he is not guided by selfishness. Being therefore equally desirous of preserving my own freedom and the freedom of others, I have concluded not to suggest any arguments which may prevent others from doing what appears to them advisable. The plain truth is, my sympathies do not, and never have, moved freely in this project; but this is no reason why others may not effect a great deal of good by it, and do it in all sincerity. I am willing to pay my subscription, and to increase it by donations, as soon as we have fewer pecuniary difficulties to struggle with; but I had much rather not, in any

way be connected with the government.

Both the infant school, and the Anti Slavery Society already formed, are good objects for the funds; and so far as my little pittance is concerned, I am willing it should go to either - or to assist in any other project which the ladies think proper.

Very Respectfully,

L. M. Child.

to Mrs Phelps

Miss L. M. Child
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